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H. RES. 443

Recognizing the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, honoring the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and commending all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. MCGOVERN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the 65th Infantry Regiment, the only Hispanic-segregated unit in United States military history, was mandated by Congress to be comprised primarily of Puerto Ricans;

Whereas the 65th Infantry Regiment became better known as the Borinqueneers from the word Borinquen, the name that the native Taino Indians called Puerto Rico;

Whereas the Borinqueneers, throughout their service in World War I, World War II, and, most notably, the Korean War, served with distinction;

Whereas the Borinqueneers demonstrated their military prowess in Korea and earned the respect and admiration of their fellow soldiers and military authorities, most notably General Douglas MacArthur;

Whereas the Borinqueneers were sent to battle on the front lines in Korea and participated in nine major campaigns during the Korean War;

Whereas the Borinqueneers made valuable contributions to the war effort, including by suffering a tremendous number of casualties that was disproportionate to the population of Puerto Rico;

Whereas the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers earned well-deserved praise, including a Presidential Unit Citation, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and two Republic of Korea Unit Citations; and

Whereas the 65th Infantry has ceased to exist as an all-Puerto Rico unit, but thousands of Puerto Ricans have continued to volunteer freely and serve in the Armed Forces and have served ably during wartime: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the service of the 65th Infantry
3 Borinqueneers during the Korean War;

4 (2) honors the people of Puerto Rico, who con-
5 tinue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed
6 Forces and make sacrifices for the country; and

1 (3) commends all efforts to promote and pre-
2 serve the history of the 65th Infantry
3 Borinqueneers.

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